

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Draft Environmental Assessment Snohomish County, Washington

Relocation and Replacement of a Portion of Monte Cristo Grade Road

Notice is hereby given that U.S.DHS FEMA plans to assist Snohomish County Department of Public Works in the relocation and replacement of a portion of Monte Cristo Grade Road. Federal financial assistance would be provided pursuant to the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (The Stafford Act).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared. The Draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. The EA addresses the need for the project, feasible alternatives under consideration and the environmental impacts of the alternatives. The following is a description of the alternatives evaluated in the Draft EA for the Monte Cristo Grade Road repairs:

Alternative Action A – No-action: The damages as a result of the flood event to Sauk River road would not be repaired. No mitigation action would be taken. FEMA funding would not be applied to the repair of the road.

Proposed Action (Preferred **Alternative Action B** – North Alignment) follows an existing bulldozed grade to a lower terrace and then flow the slope of the hill to the existing Monte Cristo Grade Road. New road section is approximately 880 feet long and rejoins the road approximately 70 feet east of an existing culvert. This alternative and all other alternative include the removal of an existing 24-inch culvert that protrudes from the left bank.

Alternative Action C – Middle Alignment is immediately south of the preferred alternative B. This alternative goes west along an upper terrace and crosses an unnamed tributary. This alternative connects into the existing road approximately 400 feet west of existing culvert crossing.

Alternative Action D – Southern Alignment follows the route of the Alternative Action C (Middle Alignment) except it is located further to the south. This alternative route is approximately 1,260 feet in length and would connect into the existing road approximately 400 feet west of the existing culvert crossing.

The Draft EA is available for 30 days from the date of the posting at the following locations:

- ? Snohomish County Public Works Land Use Counter, Administrative Building East,
2nd Floor, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA 98201.
- ? FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs/shtm>.

Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, Mark Eberlein no later than 5 p.m. on June 6, 2005. After the public comment period ends, the draft EA will be available for viewing at: <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/eaarchives.shtm>.

Comments (Attn: Mark Eberlein, Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X) can be:

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